



California Wildfire Coordinating Group

The California Wildfire Coordinating Group (CWCG) is established to coordinate the programs of the participating wildland fire agencies in California and provide a forum for leadership, cooperation and the exchange of information.

PURPOSE:

MISSION STATEMENT: To further interagency cooperation, communications and coordination, and to implement interagency fire management direction.

Provide interagency leadership and coordinated implementation of current policies, directions and standards for incident management activities.

Instill professionalism in all aspects of fire management and develop a full partnership, trust and mutual assistance among the wildland fire protection entities. Support the concept of closest forces and sharing of resources to promote efficiency and avoid wasteful duplication.

Recommend a unified course of action to geographic area agency administrators in order to promote safety and provide oversight in all aspects of fire and incident management.

Serve as geographic area clearing house and forum for the identification of interagency fire management issues and their solutions. Support and promote ecosystem management, wildland/urban/rural interface, prevention and education, and fuels and resource management.

Manage geographic area interagency safety and training programs. Provide oversight of national training nominations for Type I team candidates to insure that they meet the minimum prerequisites of I-520 and I-620 training. Establish task groups/teams to address area wide issues.

Serves as a geographical focal point for requests for interagency action to and from national and local levels.

Provide a communication link between local, state, tribal, and federal entities.

Facilitate efficiencies in all incident operations at all levels, including: 1) Selection and management of National Type 1 incident management teams, and nominating area command team candidates; 2) Monitor and evaluate the performance of National Type 1 teams; 3) Provide oversight to area coordination centers; 4) Establish/function as the geographic area multi-agency coordination group (CAL-MAC); 5) Provide oversight and approval of the geographic area mobilization guide; 6) Function as the interagency board for the agencies who are signatory to the California Wildfire Coordinating Group within the State of California.

MEMBERSHIP:

The CWCG membership will be made up of the State level Fire Managers from:

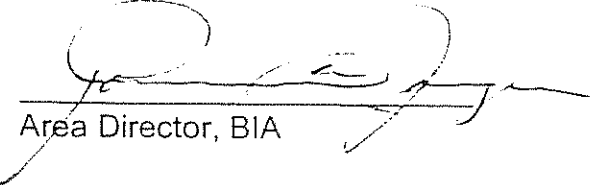
- (1) Bureau of Indian Affairs, (BIA).
- (2) Bureau of Land Management (BLM).
- (3) California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, (CDF)
- (4) Contract County Representative of the California Fire Service that has responsibility for wildland fire protection.
- (5) Fish and Wildlife Service, (FWS)
- (6) National Park Service, (NPS)
- (7) Office of Emergency Services, Fire and Rescue, (OES)
- (8) United States Forest Service, Region 5, (USFS)

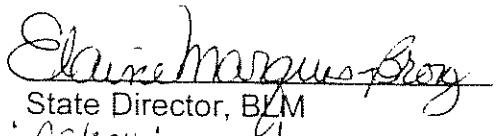
MEETINGS:


The CWCG will meet as needed, but at least two times a year. There will be an agenda and all items for the agenda will be presented to the Chair for inclusion. Minutes of each meeting will be kept, and copies will be forwarded to the Director/Chief of each participating agency.

CHAIRPERSON:

A Chairperson will be selected by the membership and will also serve as the recording secretary. The Chair will be elected each year.


Area Director, BIA


State Director, BLM


Director, CDF

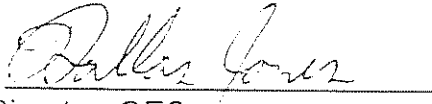
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Contract Counties Representative


Regional Director, FWS

Manager CA/NV Operations Office


Regional Director, NPS


Director, OES


Regional Forester, USFS

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